Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It was intended for the Members who use the library.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Quite so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was not simultaneous convenience accorded to the upstairs at the very same time?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I am not aware.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it in the information of the Hon'ble Member for how many days exactly the fan was not working?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— I have already told the Hon'ble Member that I do not know the exact number of days. It may be for a few days.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—And the Hon'ble Member has made some arrangement at the same time to rectify this defect in the upstairs?

Mr. President.—The House has to judge for itself, in the light of these supplementary questions, whether it is primarily due to the Government that more questions are not answered. The Secretary has stated that the fan was not working for a few days due to the repairs to this building. If such a large number of supplementary questions are put on this how can a larger number of questions be answered?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My point is that the Government was at fault.

Number of Christians—Agricultural Department.

96. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many Christians are now in the Agricultural Department;

(b) what is the total number of employees in the Agricultural Department?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.— (a) There are now 27 Christians in the Agricultural Department.

(b) The total number of employees including the 22 employees in the Coonoor and Madras Gardens and also 40 in the Veterinary section of the Department, is 231.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.— May I know what is the total percentage of Christians in the State?

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Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—I do not exactly remember.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Then I may say that it is 28 per cent. Here the representation is only 12 per cent. I may make it clear that there must be some adequate representations though I am not an utter communalist.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Is it according to population that appointments are made?

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member himself will answer the question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—We have been in the Council for a very long time and we have been urging for a Public Service Commission. The essence of Public Service Commission is representation according to population.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—No, no.

Marketing Officers and their works.

97. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) when did the two Marketing Officers of the State take charge of their offices; have they submitted reports regarding the works that they have already done;

(2) what is the nature of the work that they do at present;

(3) are they asked to go into questions pertaining to arecanuts and cocoanuts; if not, why not

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.— (1) The Marketing Officer for Crops took charge on 28th Meenam 1110 and the Marketing Officer for Livestock and Dairy on 1st Medam 1110. They have submitted monthly reports on the work done.

(2) They are at present engaged in a Marketing Survey of the State with particular reference to the following commodities: rice, wheat, groundnuts, linseed, fruits, tobacco, livestock, hides and skins, milk, eggs and also a study of Markets and Fairs and Co-operative Marketing in the State.

(3) No. The Marketing Officers are working under the directions of the Marketing Adviser to the Government of India who has selected only crops of All-India importance for 1935. Questions pertaining to arecanut and cocoanuts are not therefore taken up at present.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Considering the importance

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